

EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (EIPA)

Listed below are the requirements for educational interpreters to obtain Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) certification utilizing the Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment (EIPA) testing tool.

In the state of North Carolina, for an interpreter to be employed in a public school setting (K-12), they must first take the EIPA performance test and score at least a level three; that is a state requirement. However this credential does not permit an interpreter to work in other settings outside the school system as this does not satisfy the state's licensure requirements.

Educational interpreters are, however, able to meet those licensure requirements provided they meet comply with specific expectations. For example, if the interpreter must:

- Pass the EIPA knowledge/written test
- Pass the performance test with a level four or higher
- Posses an associates degree, or higher, in any concentration
- Meet the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensure Board requirements

Should an interpreter meet the above requirements they must present proof of those credentials to the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID). RID will then grant certification as **Ed: K-12/Certified Educational Interpreter**. The interpreter would also need to be a member of RID which requires payment of membership fees.

If an interpreter receives the **Ed: K-12** certification from RID, the interpreter can then present proof of that certification to the North Carolina Interpreter and Transliterator Licensure Board (NCITLB), and upon payment of necessary fees, and meeting all of the NCITLB requirements, an interpreter may then be granted Full Licensure by North Carolina Licensure Board.

Once certified and licensed the interpreter must obtain 2.0 RID approved CEUs annually.